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April 23, 1948

WARDEN FILE

The name of the warden at Hunter's Island, Lake Worth, Palm Beach, Florida is

Walter L. Gibson
% Paul Moore Estate
(Mrs. Moore's superintendent)
1820 South Ocean Boulevard
Palm Beach, Fla.

John H. Baker

COLLADO HUECO
South Ocean Blvd.
Palm Beach, Fla.

July 27, 1949

Mr. John H. Baker
President
National Audubon Society
Audubon House
1000 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Baker,-

Thank you for your letter of July 12, 1949

I am very happy at this time to send you a summary report of my activities and observations on the sanctuary at Hunter's Island and adjoining islands.

During the past year inspection trips were made to these islands or around them at least twice a month. Six special trips were necessary to warn off trespasser's. These were all boys in their teens doing a bit of exploring from small boats. A friendly talk about the birds and the purpose of the Sanctuary brought a promise to co-operate.

During the fall and winter it is estimated that over five thousand birds roost here. The severe storms of the past two years have reduced this number slightly. However it is apparent that from observing these birds at the islands and at their feeding grounds in the country west of town, that their numbers are steadily on the increase.

After penetrating Hunter's Island at several points after the nesting season had ended, the nest's in an area of twenty square were counted found to contain fifty nest's. Most of these seem to have occupied during the nesting period. I believe over two thousand nest's are here at the present time. A number of adult birds were found dead, about twenty, and the remains of about thirty young were found in nest's. Some of these probably died a natural death a few may have been killed by the Black Buzzaeds.

I would roughly divide the different birds that roost and nest on the island as follows, White Ibis, 40 % Wood Ibis, 20, all types of Egrets 20, Little blue Heron, 5, White Crowned Night Heron, 5, Louisian Heron, 5, Anhenga's, 5,. Here also are a small number of crane's, I have not included these. It is a tall gray bird large wing spread, may be a young sandhill crane, no other markings.

A colony of the Least Tern's have had about fifty nest's on a newly filled beach on Ocean Blvd. A large number of Brown Pelican roost on the island but I have not observed a nest.

Sincerely yours

Walter L. Gibson

Mrs. Moore also asked for a report
and a Duplicate has been mailed

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RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY

November 25, 1950

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EXCERPT FROM LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 25, 1950 FROM
WALTER GIBSON, PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

There are still a number of young snowy egrets here also the small blue heron. They are seen quite often wading along the shore of the causeway connecting the new bridges at Southern Boulevard. I have noted that the great blue heron is now mating and some have started to build nests.